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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(With Foreign Priority Claim)

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the invention entitled:

**BALL PIN AND BALL JOINT COMPRISING
ONE SUCH BALL PIN**

described and claimed

☒ in the attached specification;
☐ in the specification filed _____, as U.S. Application
Serial No. _____, and as amended _____.
☒ in the specification filed as PCT application No. PCT/EP2003/013909
on 9 December 2003, and as amended under PCT Art. 19 on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as filed and as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below, as indicated. I have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate and any PCT application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed, and which is material to the examination of this application.

Prior Foreign Applications(s):

Claimed Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed	Priority	
			Yes /	No
102 57 592.4	Germany	9 December 2002	Yes	
PCT/EP2003/013909	PC	9 December 2003	Yes	

which applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

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my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Address all telephone calls to (937) 298-2811. Address all correspondence to: JACOX, MECKSTROTH & JENKINS, 2310 Far Hills Building, Dayton, Ohio 45419-1575.

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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